



MR. WOO JINCHUL.



GLANCE



YES?

TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS...





THE D-RANK HUNTER, YOO JINHO, WAS WEARING VERY EXPENSIVE ARMOR, SO I SUPPOSE HE COULD'VE TAKEN OUT A C-RANK BOSS.

BUT THE BOSS WAS PART OF THE GIANT ARACHNID SPECIES, WHICH MEANS IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A HUGE THREAT TO A PARTY MADE UP OF SKILLED HUNTERS. IT'S A BIT STRANGE THAT EIGHT OF THEM DIED.

STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH AND GET TO THE POINT.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO ME IF YOU'D ACTUALLY FOUND SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. YOU WOULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT YOURSELF.

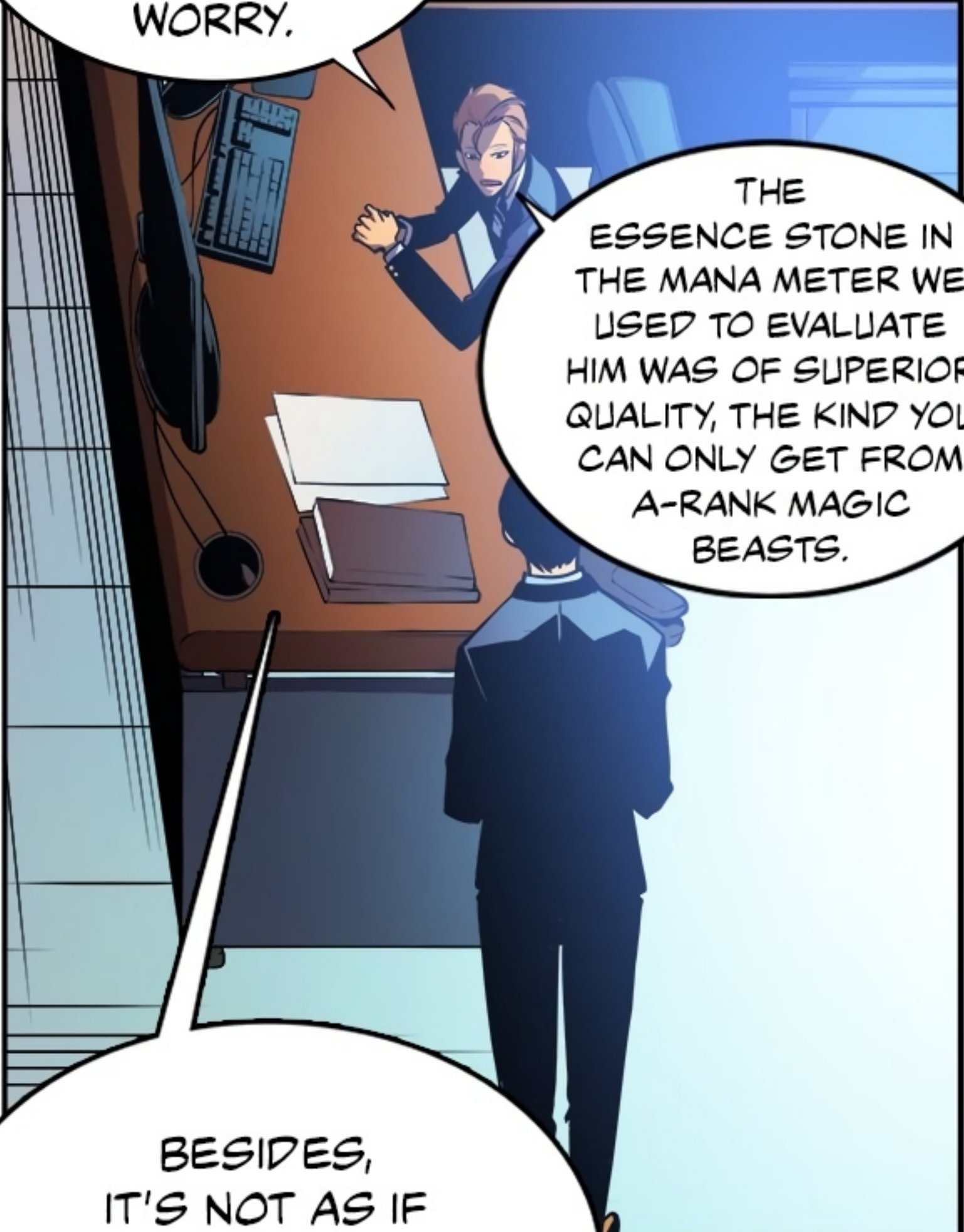
WELL...



...THE OTHER SURVIVOR IS SUNG JINWOO, THE HUNTER FROM THE DOUBLE DUNGEON INCIDENT.

SUNG JINWOO?

THERE'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL OF THIS, BUT NO NEED TO WORRY.



THE ESSENCE STONE IN THE MANA METER WE USED TO EVALUATE HIM WAS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY, THE KIND YOU CAN ONLY GET FROM A-RANK MAGIC BEASTS.

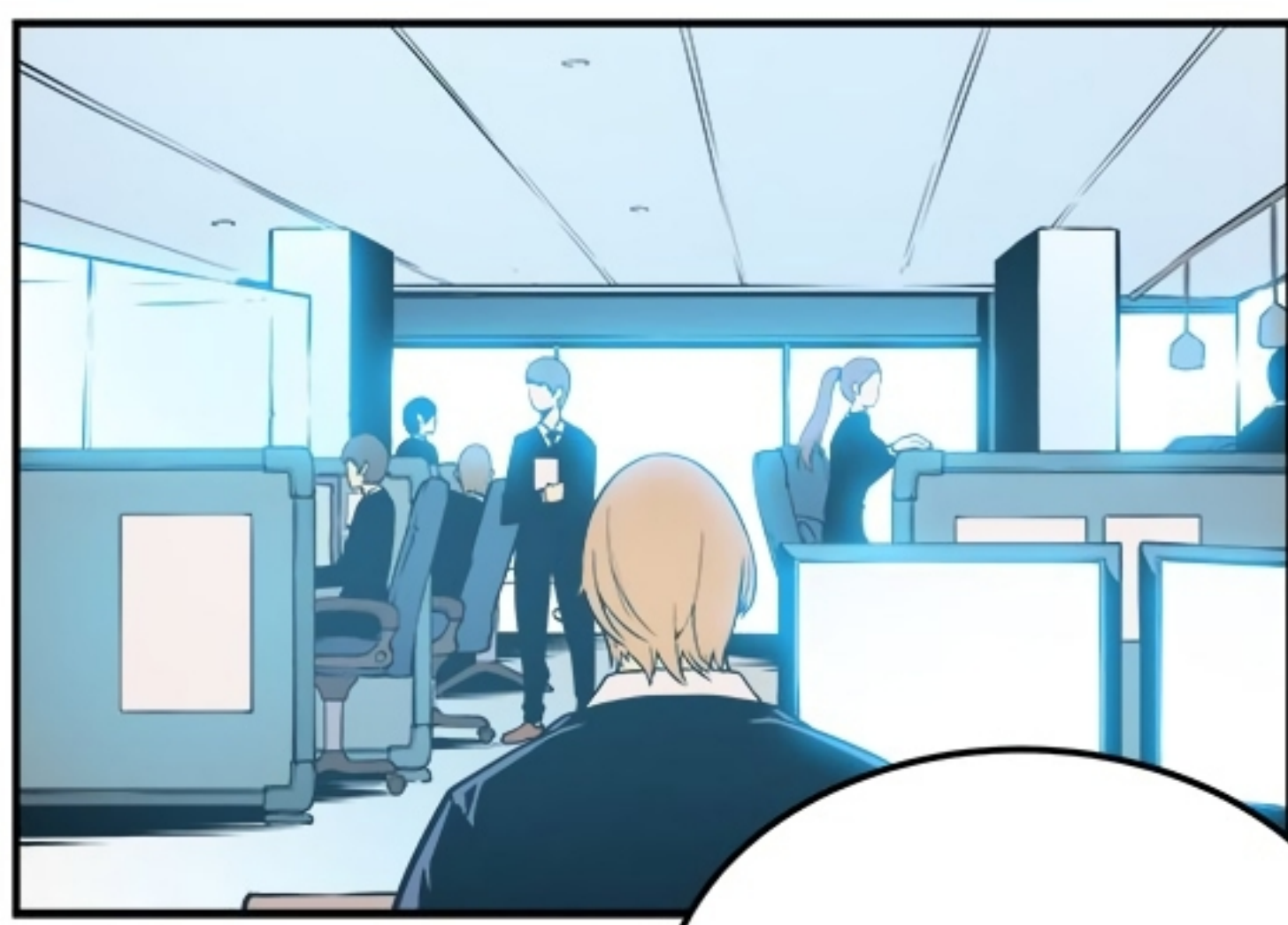
BESIDES, IT'S NOT AS IF REAWAKENING IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE.

WE'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO THIS ONCE. THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

I WANT TO THINK OF IT AS A COINCIDENCE AS WELL, BUT I JUST CAN'T OVERLOOK THIS...



...BECAUSE ONE OF THE HUNTERS WHO DIED HAPPENS TO BE...



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Original Novel - Chugong



I WANT TO
GET DRUNK, BUT
I CAN'T.

GULP
GULP

! NOTICE

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]
[BUFF: **DETOXIFICATION** HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.
YOU ARE NOW BEING HEALED.]

THE
SPECIAL ABILITY
GIVEN TO ME BY THE
SYSTEM IS PURIFYING
THE ALCOHOL.

NOM

NOM

3, 2, 1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY **DETOXIFIED**.

AS SOON AS I WOKE
UP AFTER THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON INCIDENT, THE
SYSTEM GAVE ME THIS
AS A REWARD.

! NOTICE

[YOU HAVE MET ALL OF THE
REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE
THE SECRET QUEST:
"**COURAGE OF THE WEAK**"]

I'VE HAD A LOT
TO PROCESS UP UNTIL
NOW, SO I JUST

NOW, SO I JUST
BRUSHED IT OFF,
BUT...

[IF YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW THE SYSTEM'S
ORDERS, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A **PENALTY**.]

NOTICE

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED A **REWARD**.]

...I NEVER
IMAGINED I'D GET A
REWARD LIKE THIS.

QUEST REWARD

"**SECRET QUEST: COURAGE OF THE WEAK**"

-THE GREAT SPELLCASTER KANDIARU'S
BLESSING: THE GREAT SPELLCASTER
KANDIARU HAS GIFTED YOU A SPECIAL
ENCHANTMENT. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE
KANDIARU'S BLESSING, YOU WILL ALWAYS
BE HEALTHY AND STRONG.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO
THIS QUEST REWARD THAT
MY LEG WAS REGENERATED
AFTER I LOST IT IN THE
DOUBLE DUNGEON.

QUEST REWARD

-TEMPORARY EFFECT, THE **WILL TO
RECOVER**: ANY DAMAGES TO THE BODY
WILL BE **RESTORED**.

-PERMANENT EFFECT, **LONGEVITY**: YOU
WILL BE IMMUNE TO ALL **DISEASES**,
POISONOUS SUBSTANCES, AND ANY OTHER
ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR STATUS.
REGENERATION ABILITIES WILL
EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE WHILE ASLEEP.

WAIT...

IF I'M IMMUNE
TO ALL POISONOUS
SUBSTANCES, THAT
MEANS...





[ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: POISON

A POUCH CONTAINING REFINED VENOM FROM KASAKA. UPON DEFEATING KASAKA, YOU HAVE A SLIM CHANCE OF OBTAINING THIS ITEM. DRINKING THIS VENOM WILL MAKE YOUR SKIN TOUGH, BUT YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED DUE TO THE POISON.

-EFFECT "KASAKA'S IRONCLAD SCALES":

20% LESS PHYSICAL DAMAGE

-SIDE-EFFECT "MUSCLE DAMAGE":

-35 STRENGTH



IF I'M ABLE TO AUTOMATICALLY RECOVER FROM BEING POISONED, THEN THIS ITEM WOULDN'T HAVE AN EFFECT ON ME, RIGHT?

NO NEED TO OVERTHINK IT.



— X

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]

— X

3, 2, 1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DETOXIFIED.

— X

THE **MUSCLE DAMAGE** EFFECT FROM ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND HAS DISAPPEARED.



STRENGTH: 53

HEALTH: 30

AGILITY: 53

INTELLIGENCE: 30

SENSE: 36

PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 20%

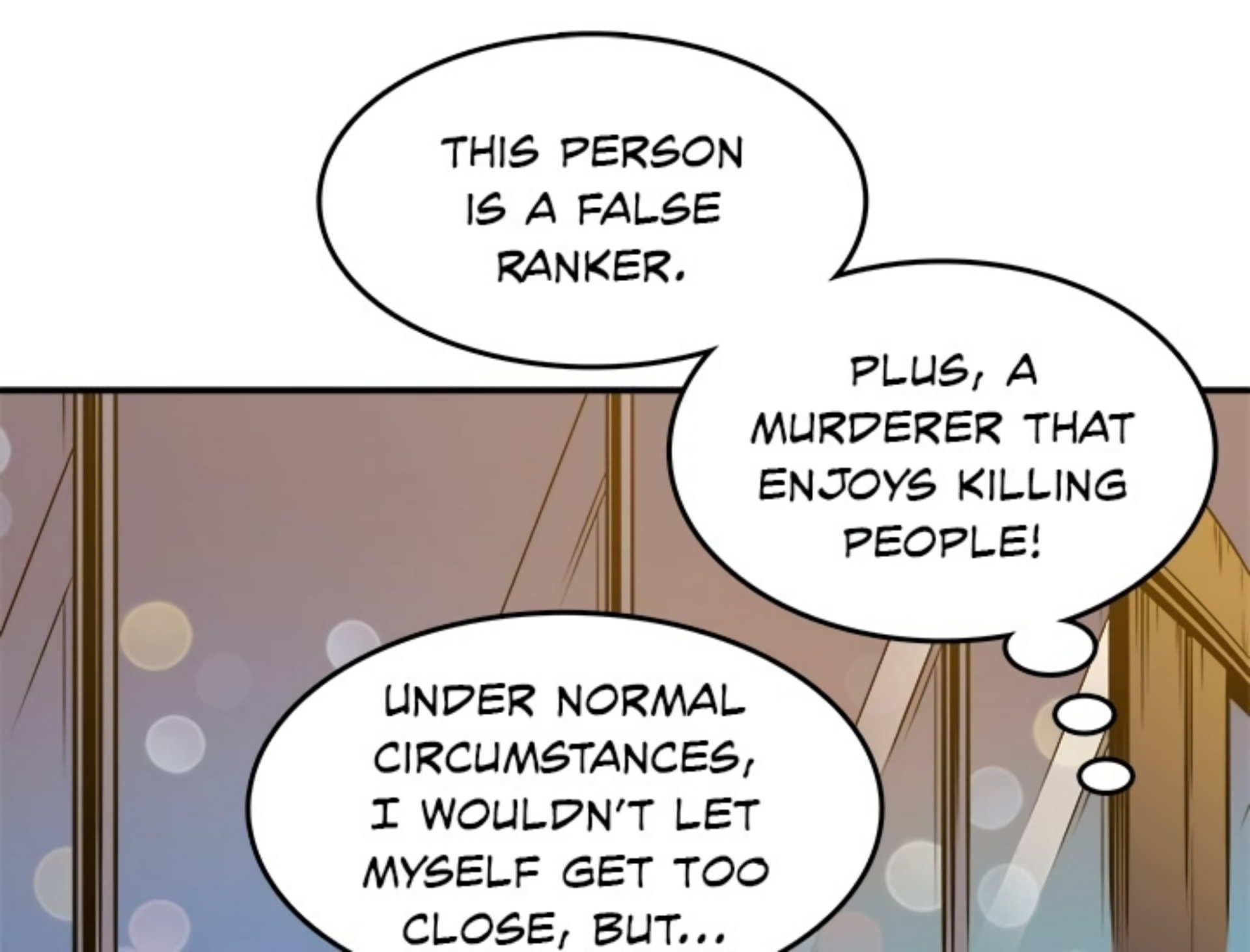
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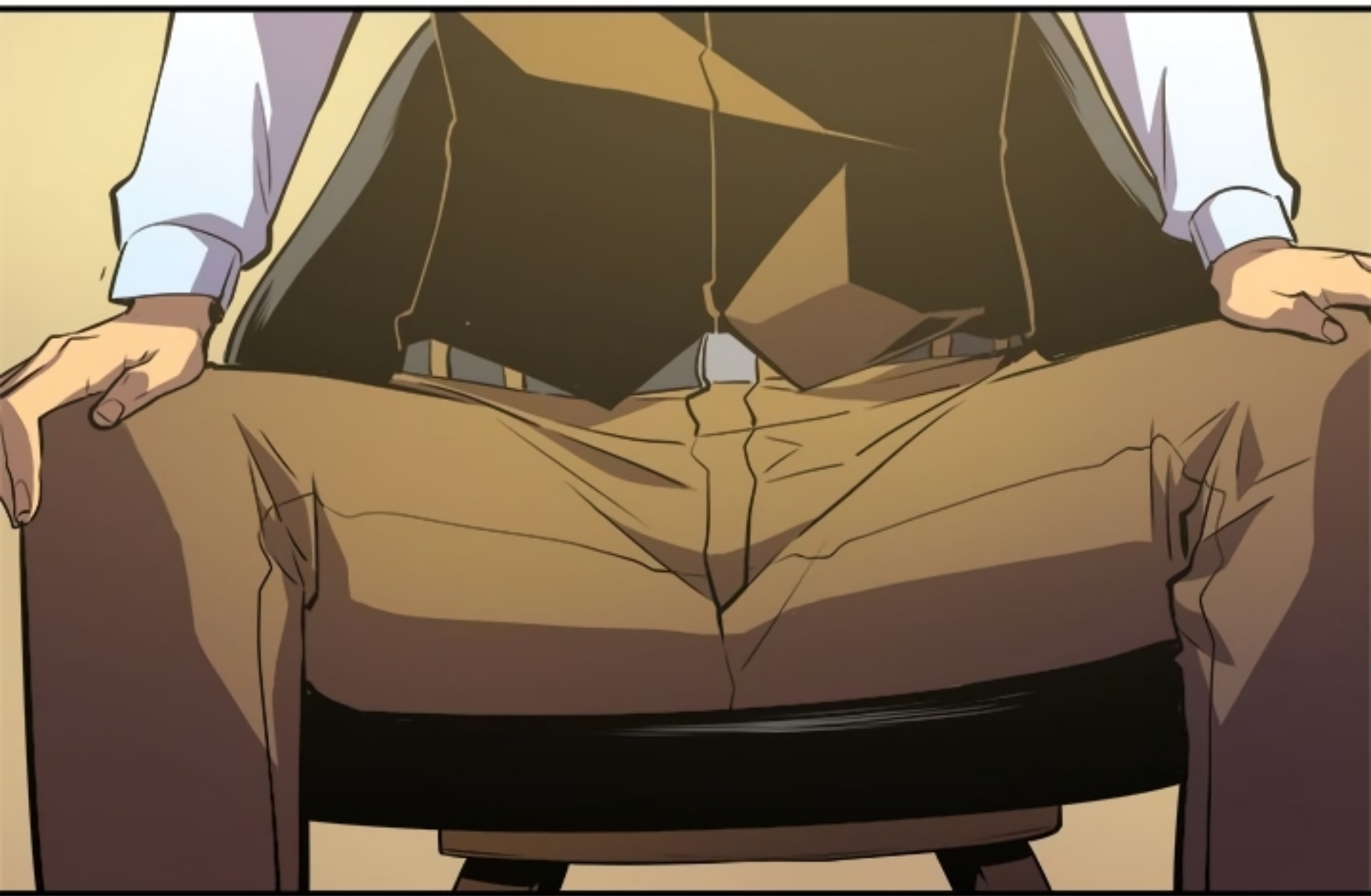
I'M GOOD.







SO, WHY'D
YOU ASK TO
SEE ME?



SIR...



ACTUALLY,
I WANT TO MAKE A
PRIVATE STRIKE
SQUA-

**THE ANSWER
IS NO.**



W...WAIT,
I DIDN'T EVEN
FINISH WHAT I WAS
ABOUT TO SAY!!

I DON'T NEED
TO HEAR IT ALL
TO KNOW.

YOU'RE MAKING A
STRIKE SQUAD AND
WANT ME TO JOIN,
RIGHT?

S, SIR!

TURN

NO WONDER
YOU ASKED TO
MEET. WELL, I DON'T
PLAN ON GETTING
INVOLVED WITH A RICH
BOY WHO THINKS OF
HUNTING AS A
HOBBY.

IF YOU DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
ELSE TO SAY, I'M
LEAVING.

JUST 20 TIMES!

NO,

ACCOMPANY ME
JUST 19 TIMES!

ACCOMPANY
YOU WHERE? THE
DUNGEONS?

YES! I'LL
MAKE SURE YOU
ARE HANDSOMELY
COMPENSATED.



HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED ANYTHING FROM WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME?

HUNTERS CAN EASILY KILL PEOPLE TOO, NOT JUST MAGIC BEASTS.

RAIDING ISN'T LIKE EXTREME SPORTS.

YET YOU STILL WANT TO FORM A STRIKE SQUAD AND FIGHT IN THE DUNGEONS?

HOW COULD YOU WANT THAT AFTER GOING THROUGH THAT HORRIBLE INCIDENT? ARE YOU INSANE?



WAIT, DO YOU...

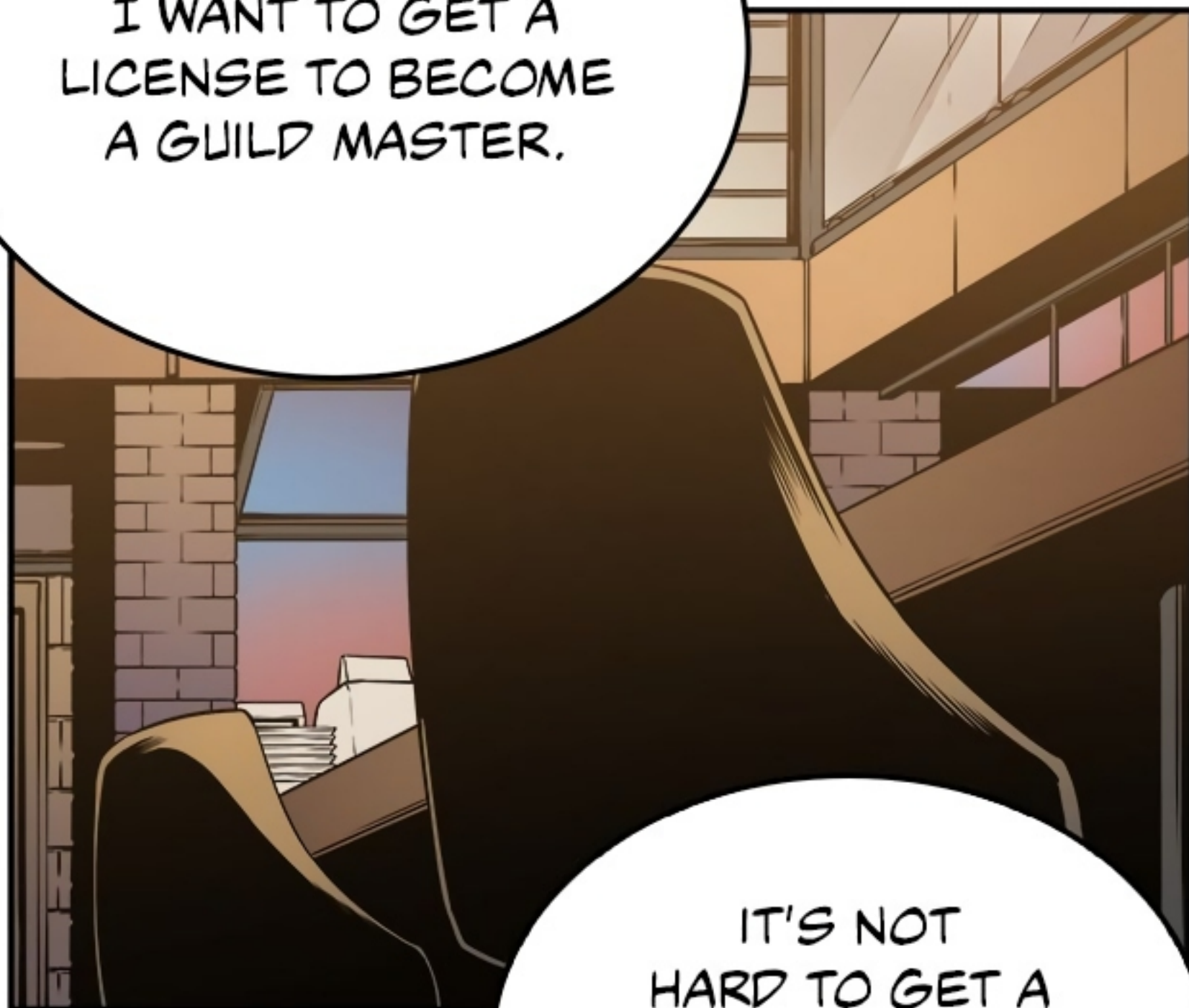
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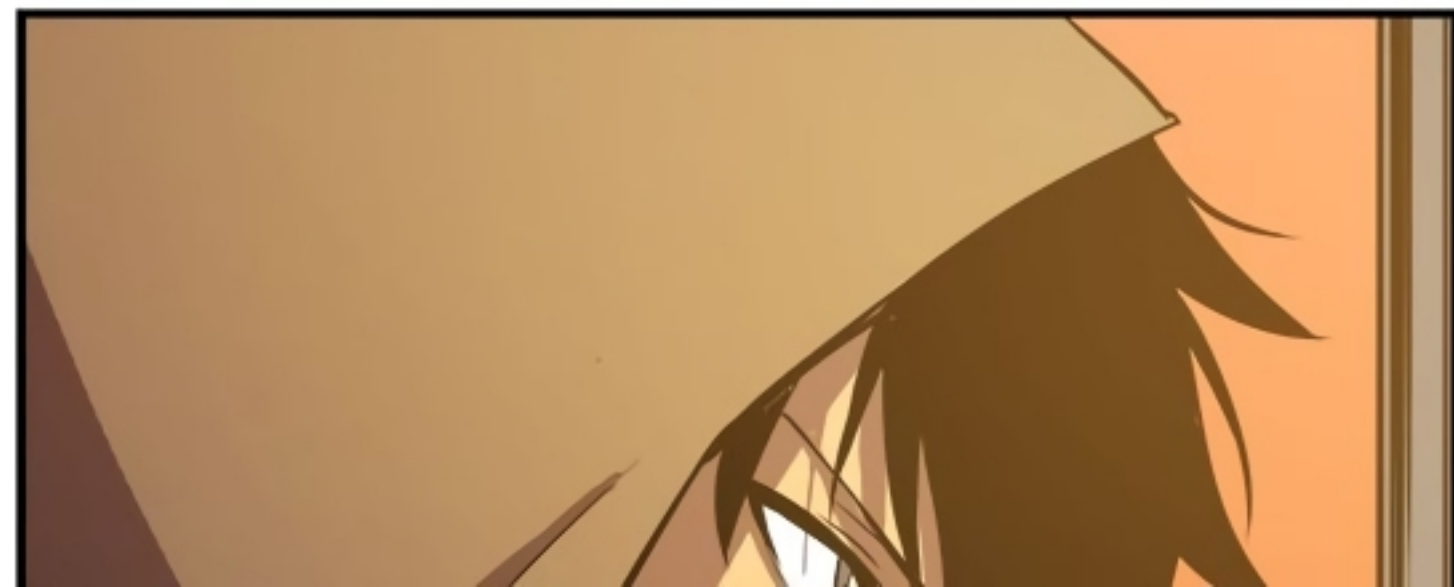
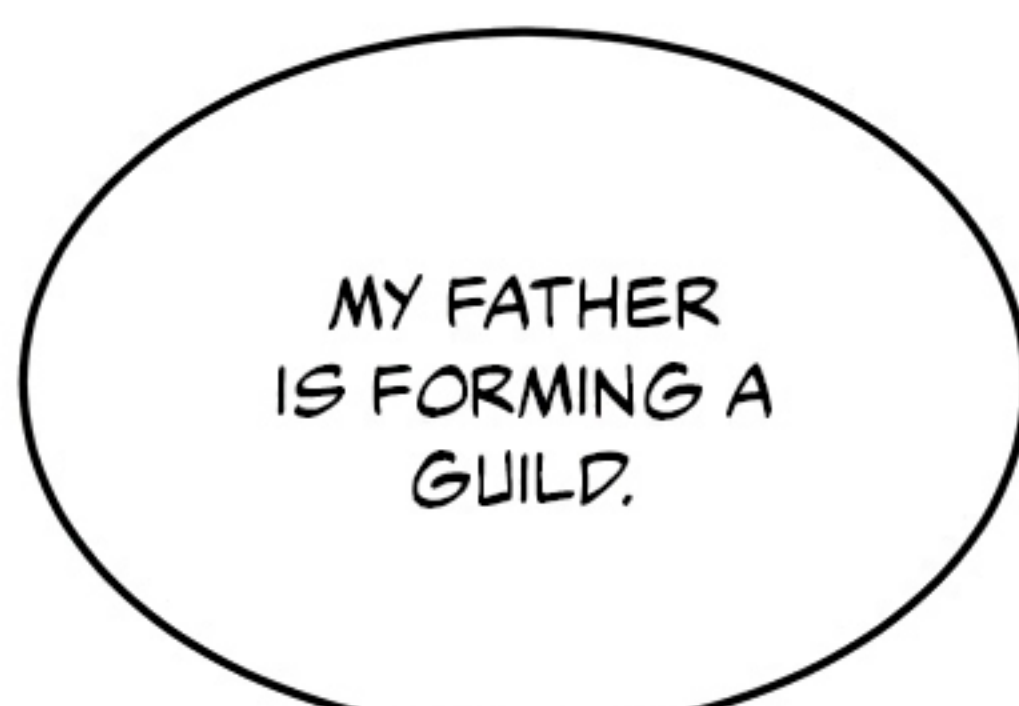
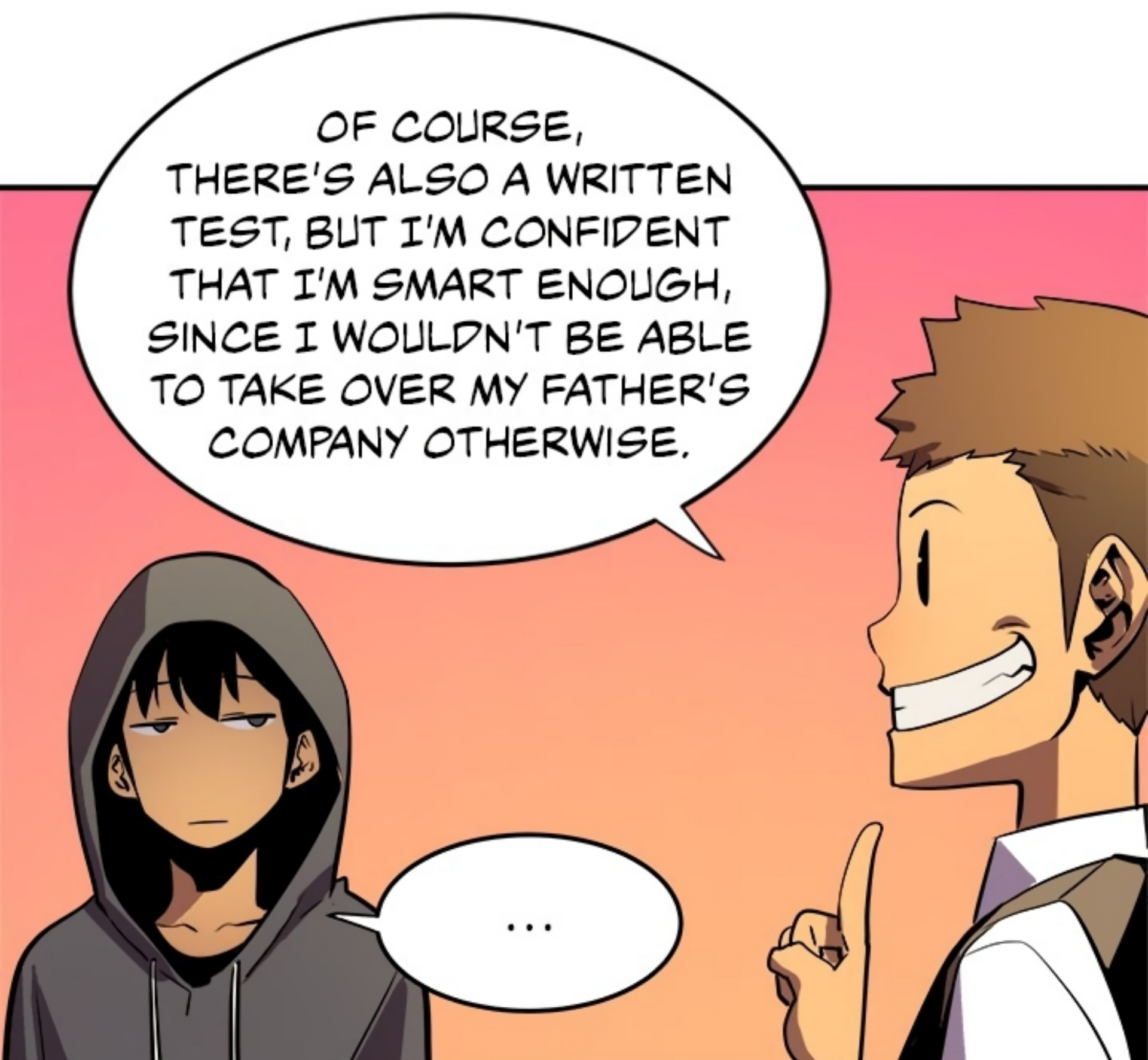
YES, I DO!

PLEASE JUST



LIKE YOU SAID,
I WANT TO GET A
LICENSE TO BECOME
A GUILD MASTER.







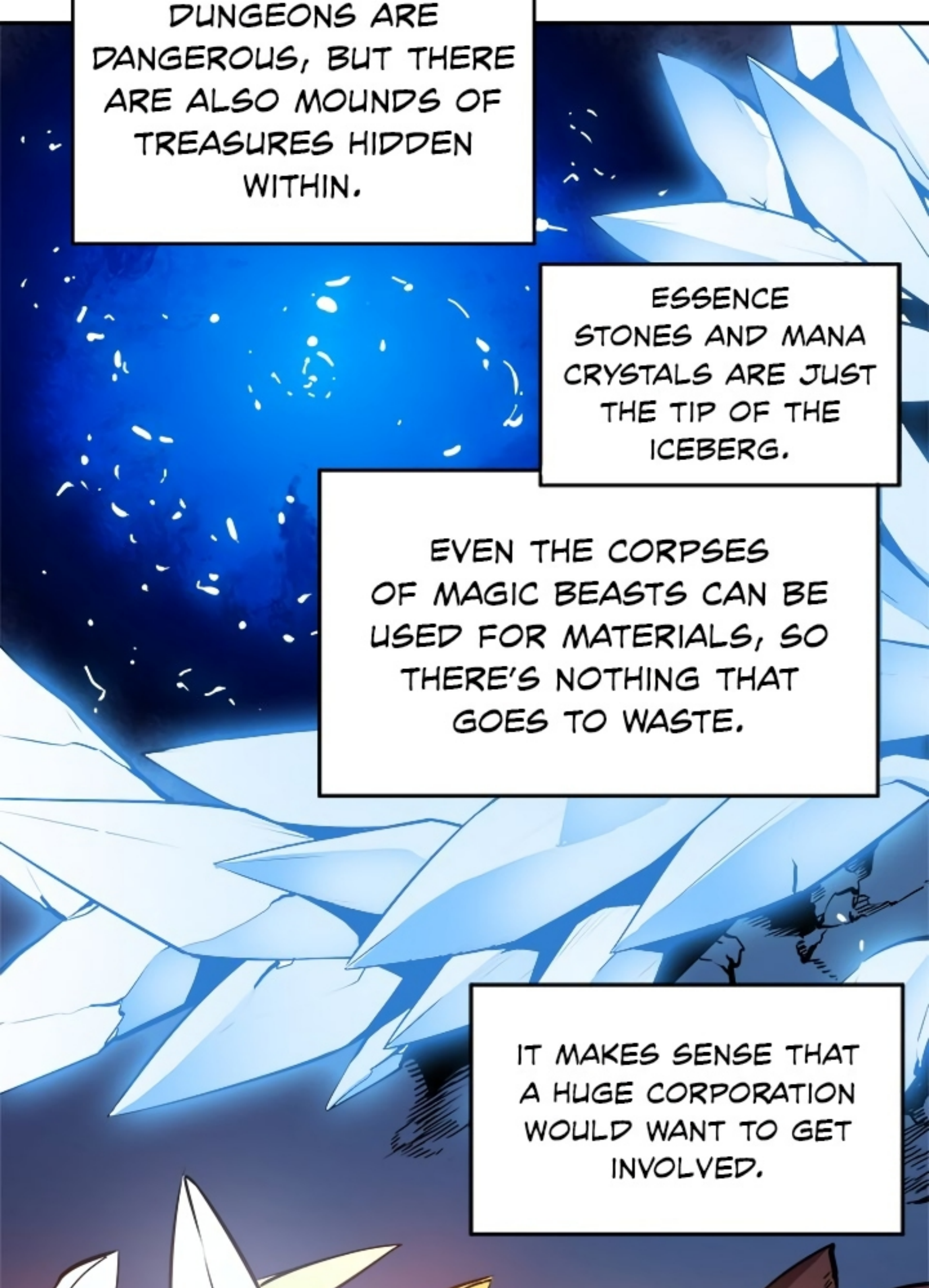
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CONSTRUCTION
WANTS TO FORM
A GUILD?

DUNGEONS ARE
DANGEROUS, BUT THERE
ARE ALSO MOUNDS OF
TREASURES HIDDEN
WITHIN.


ESSENCE
STONES AND MANA
CRYSTALS ARE JUST
THE TIP OF THE
ICEBERG.

EVEN THE CORPSES
OF MAGIC BEASTS CAN BE
USED FOR MATERIALS, SO
THERE'S NOTHING THAT
GOES TO WASTE.

IT MAKES SENSE THAT
A HUGE CORPORATION
WOULD WANT TO GET
INVOLVED.

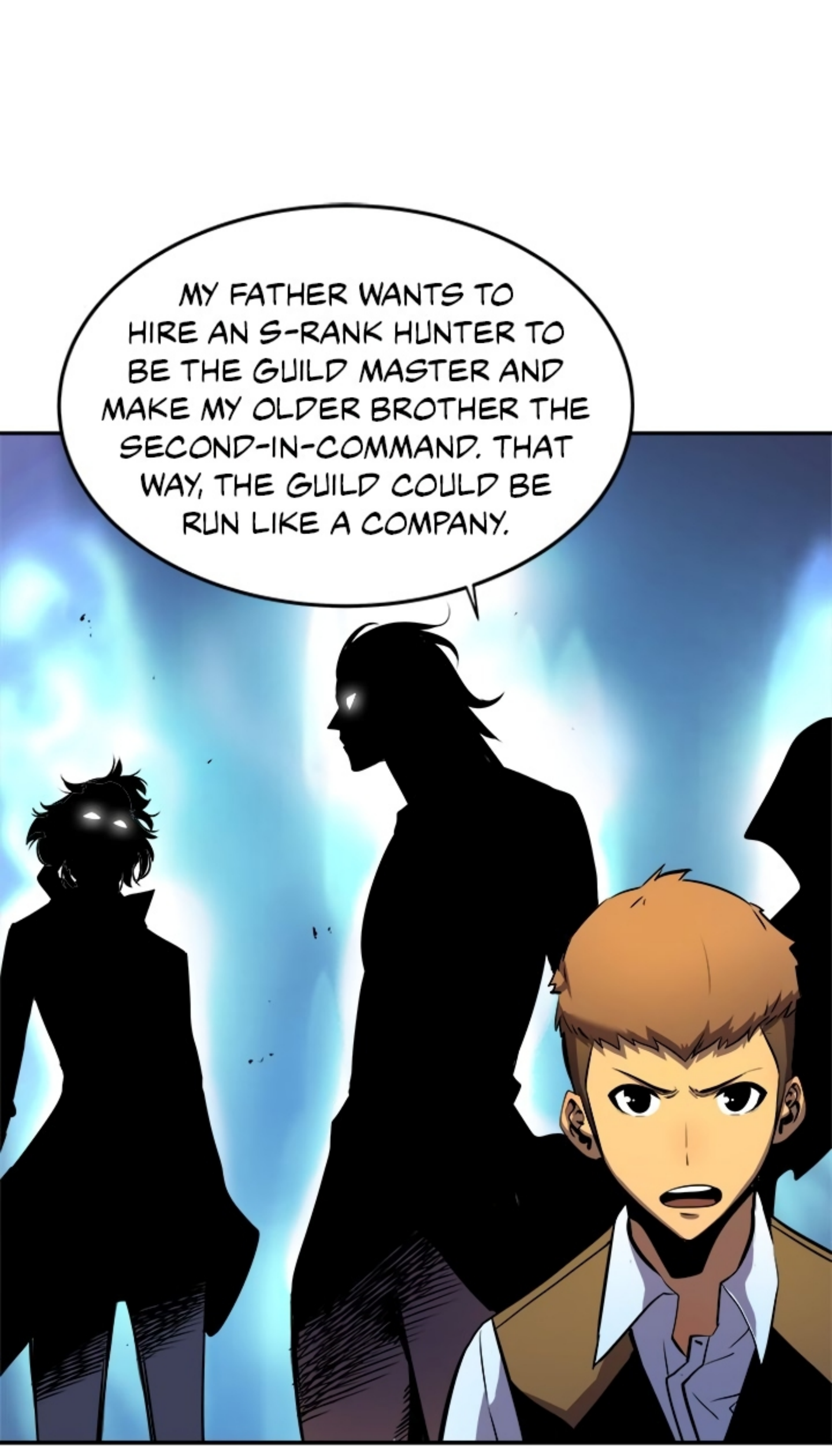


SO YOU'RE SAYING, THE
HUNTERS EMPLOYED BY THE
COMPANY WILL VENTURE INTO
THE DUNGEONS, AND THE
COMPANY WILL REAP
THE PROFITS?




IN OTHER WORDS,
THE COMPANY WANTS TO
BE SELF-SUFFICIENT
FROM NOW ON.


THAT'S
EXACTLY IT,
SIR!



MY FATHER WANTS TO
HIRE AN S-RANK HUNTER TO
BE THE GUILD MASTER AND
MAKE MY OLDER BROTHER THE
SECOND-IN-COMMAND. THAT
WAY, THE GUILD COULD BE
RUN LIKE A COMPANY.



BUT THERE
ARE ONLY NINE
S-RANK HUNTERS IN
THE COUNTRY.

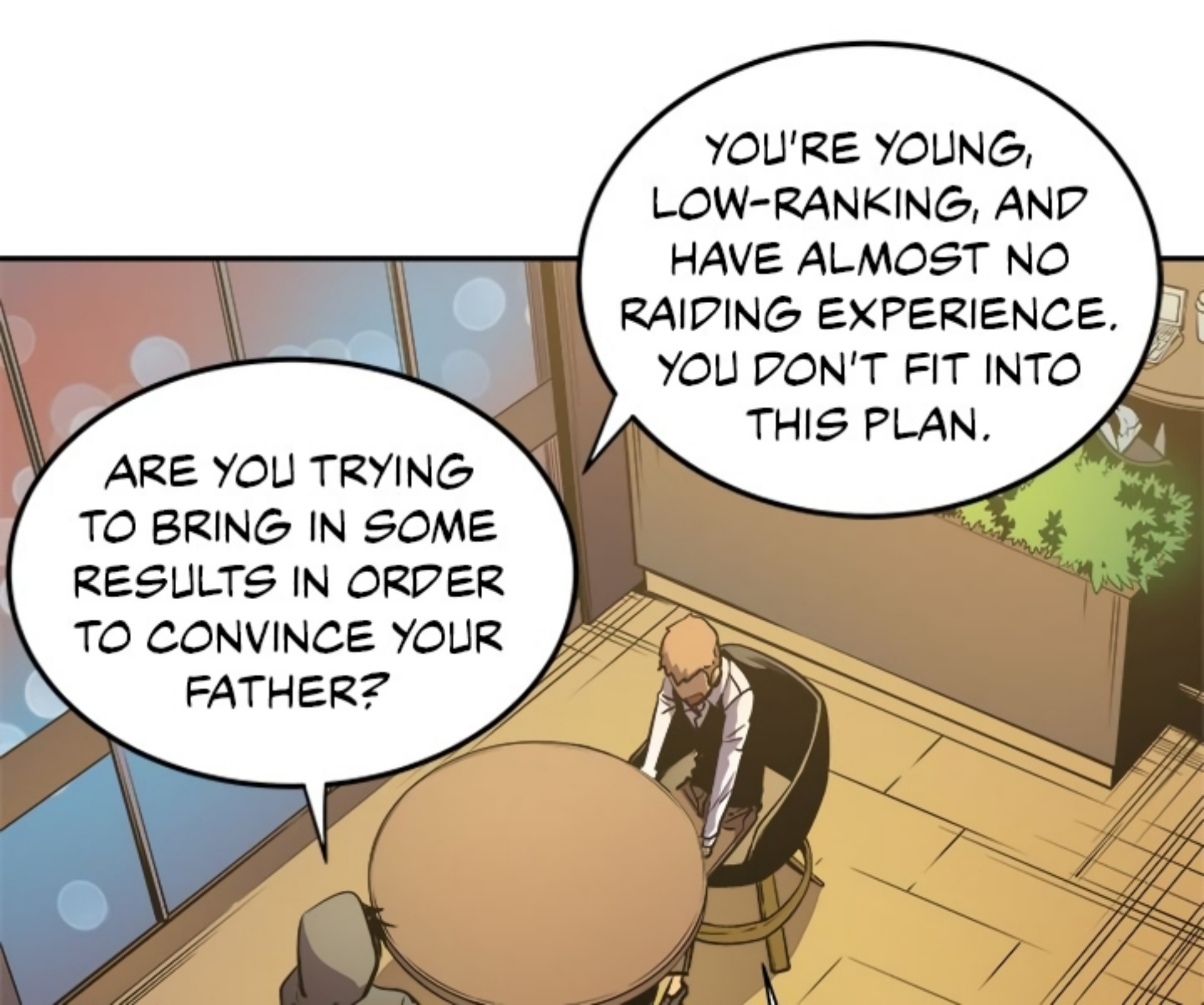


IF THEY'RE TRYING
TO RECRUIT A HUNTER
WHO'S NOT IN A GUILD,
MIN BYUNG-GU IS PROBABLY
THEIR BEST CHOICE...
BUT DIDN'T HE
RETIRE?

EVEN IF YOUR
BROTHER BECOMES
THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND,
THE GUILD MASTER WILL
HAVE MUCH MORE
AUTHORITY.

FRICTION
BETWEEN THE
TWO WILL BE
UNAVOIDABLE.

YES, MY BROTHER
IS COMPETENT, BUT
UNLESS HE AWAKENS,
IT'LL BE HARD FOR HIM
TO TRY AND TAKE THE
MASTER'S POSITION.
IT'S A PROBLEM.



YOU'RE YOUNG,
LOW-RANKING, AND
HAVE ALMOST NO
RAIDING EXPERIENCE.
YOU DON'T FIT INTO
THIS PLAN.

ARE YOU TRYING
TO BRING IN SOME
RESULTS IN ORDER
TO CONVINCE YOUR
FATHER?



YES, I AM.



I PROMISE TO TAKE YOUR SECRET TO THE GRAVE!
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A FALSE RAN... I MEAN, THE
FACT THAT YOU'RE HIDING
YOUR TRUE ABILITIES!

YOU NEED A SQUAD
IN ORDER TO GO ON
RAIDS WHILE KEEPING
YOUR ABILITIES
HIDDEN!

RATHER THAN RAIDING WITH
HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS, BEING
KNOWN AS SOMEONE WHO
"SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A
RAID WITH AN E-RANK HUNTER"
WORKS MORE IN MY FAVOR
AS WELL!



JINWOO IS AT
THE VERY LEAST A
B-RANK HUNTER...

...OR HE MIGHT
BE EVEN HIGHER
THAN THAT.

HE MAY BE AN
E-RANK NOW, BUT HE WAS
ABLE TO DEFEAT A C-RANK
BOSS AND MANY OTHER C-RANK
HUNTERS WITHOUT SUFFERING
A SINGLE INJURY.



To Be Continued...

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